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James E. Johnson

James E. Johnson was born in Harelton, Texas. He attended Wiley College, Prairie View A&M University and East Texas State University. He received a mid-management degree from Stephen F. Austin State University.

Mr. Johnson is a former assistance superintendent for pupil services for Longview Independent School District. He also served the district as assistance principal at Jodie McClure Elementary School and Forest Park Middle School. Before becoming assistance superintendent of pupil services, he was assistance athletic director. He has also taught at St. Paul High School in Greenville and Terrell ISD, where he also served as coach, Pemberton High School in Marshall and Womack High School in Longview.

In Longview, Mr. Johnson served on the boards of East Texas Professional Credit Union, Tryon Road Special Utility District, Good Shepherd Medical Center, City of Longview Parks and Recreation and on the Juvenile Board of Gregg County.

Mr. Johnson and his wife, Eloise, are active in their church Rollins Additional Church of Christ in Longview. They are the parents of four children, and have three grandchildren.



Reverend William D. O'Neal

Reverend William D. O'Neal, born in Bastrop, Louisiana, is a graduate of Louisiana Tech University with a degree in history and political science. He earned his master's degree in divinity from Columbia

Theological Seminary in 1954 and in 1980 received a doctorate in ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago with a special emphasis on world mission and global poverty. He was ordained to the Presbyterian ministry in 1954.

In Longview, Rev. O'Neal served as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church from 1977 to 1995. He also served churches in Alabama, Louisiana and Texas before his retirement in 1995.

Rev. O'Neal has served as vice-president on the board of Presbyterian Camps at Gilmont, Inc., for the last ten years. He was Texas president of CROP of the Church World Service, a founding member of the literacy council in Baton, Rouge, La., and served on the board as president of Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries. As a member of a local pastors group, he helped to found Habitat for Humanity, Longview Community Ministries, Stewpot and Meals on Wheels.

Rev. O'Neal and his wife, Dot, have two sons and one grandchild.

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